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CAN'T FOOL THE PEOPLE ALL THE TIME

In several states of the Union, women will vote next fall in the presidential election. Democrats profess to believe that a great majority of the women will disregard the economic fallacies of the Wilson administration, its extravagance, the impaired public service, the violation of campaign pledges and the sacrifice of national dignity, and will vote for Wilson on the theory that he "kept us out of war."

Men who thus delude themselves are doomed to disappointment. There may be a few women who didn't notice the industrial depression into which this country was thrown by the tariff legislation of 1913; but they are few indeed. Most women know when their husbands or fathers are having a hard time to make a living. Many women are in business for themselves. In either case, they had very firmly impressed upon their minds in 1913-14 the disastrous effects of tariff laws that throw our markets open to the foreign producer who can undersell the American producer because of lower wage expenditures.

Most American women don't want American workmen forced to compete on an equality with the workmen of Europe and Asia. They believe in maintaining higher standards of living in the United States and they recognize the necessity for a protective tariff in order that they may be accomplished.

Women believe in the merit system in the government service and have been active in promoting the Civil Service reform which this administration has endeavored to overthrow. Women who have sons or brothers getting on in the industrial world, are believers in efficiency in government as well as in private business. They will not give their approval to an administration which has at every opportunity demonstrated its incapacity for the management of large affairs.

The up-to-date woman reads the news and editorial columns of the press—not the society and fashion columns only—and she knows that it was the war that brought a temporary relief from the hard times caused by Democratic tariff tinkering. The politician who thinks he can fool the women regarding the real issues of the coming campaign is fooling nobody but himself. Trying to evade the facts of 1913-14 by the false plea that "he kept us out of war" will gain no more votes among the women than among the men, and the reunification of the Republican party indicates that there will be exceedingly few misled.

It would be poetic justice to require Villa to dig his own grave. But it is doubtful, however, if we could keep him in it.

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W. H. M.

Writes Another Interesting Letter on
The National Convention.

Cleveland, Ohio, May 16, 1916.

Editor Public Ledger:

The nearer the time approaches for the convention of the two great conventions of the Republican and Democratic parties at Chicago and St. Louis the more a multitude of vexations of problems arise, to belaud the sunshine of hope that a few short months ago illuminated the pathway of certain candidates who looked forward to these conventions to crown their life's ambition by nominating them for President.

Long ago, when we were a child, and listened to the wise old men discuss political matters, we conceived the idea that the man who offered to serve his country by becoming a candidate for President was making the greatest sacrifice that it was possible for a man to make for his fellow man, and right then and there we made up our minds to never be a candidate for President, and we never have.

The East this week has seen the greatest political activity it has seen since the days of '60 and '61 their meetings have been daily held, and the unusual activity of the old guard Republicans, indicates a stormy session at Chicago. Mr. Roosevelt is not a Republican, he belongs to a separate and distinct party, and the problem that is now confronting the Republican party, is must their identity be lost to Roosevelt in order to defeat the choice of the St. Louis Convention. The East was never sincere in booming Justice Hughes for the Presidency, it was done to side track the Roosevelt boom, really their choice is Root, or any Eastern man who can beat Roosevelt at Chicago, but the Hughes boom has gotten almost beyond their control. However we do not wish to devote too much time to the Progressive and Republican fight that is now being waged by these parties, which must terminate in a death struggle for one or the other.

While enormous interest is being watched with an interest hardly less intense than is Chicago. From present indications the Democrats have not suggested any other candidate but Mr. Wilson, however one can never tell what may happen at a political convention, that there is scores of Democrats who would prefer to vote for some other Democratic candidate there is not the least doubt. However this reminds one of the traveling man who stopped at a hotel in Colorado, when the polite waiter approached him and said, "What will you have to drink, tea or coffee?" I prefer tea replied the salesman. The waiter eyed him a moment, and said as he thrust a 44 under his nose, now dam you take coffee, we have no tea." Just now it is a case with the peace Democrats to take Mr. Wilson as there is no other Democratic candidate.

Just after Mr. Wilson's election four days ago Speaker Clark said, "If Mr. Wilson makes a good President he will be nominated again, if he should not be nominated he will not be worth having." Mr. Bryan is a signed article the first says: "The Democrat party is under a win in the coming campaign and move towards peace and there is capture the peace element in the Republican party." Mr. Bryan begins an article from a Chicago paper, in which Mr. Wilson's called a minority president, in that he received fewer votes than Mr. Taft and Roosevelt. He then says a united Republican party will enter the campaign with a popular majority of 1,200,000 votes. Mr. Bryan continues to say: "To the normal Republican advantage must be added the disaffection among the German and Irish Democrats, with out attempting to decide whether the President was wise or unwise in taking the course that alleviated them, this fact remains, it will cost a large number of votes—enough to defeat the party in several close states." There is not the least doubt in any intelligent mind but what Mr. Wilson as allocated a large majority of the German and Irish Democratic votes, but there is Irish and German Republicans as well as Democrats, and should either Mr. Roosevelt or Mr. Root be the choice of the Chicago convention they would have no advantage over Mr. Wilson on this score. That all three of these gentlemen are pro English, a blind man can see. Mr. Roosevelt will be fought at the National Convention along these lines, which by the way contain lots of truth. Can the Republican party afford to loose its identity by being swallowed up by Rooseveltism? We honor the man with a nomination who four years ago wrecked the party to gratify his ambition for a third term in the presidential chair? Does not his political history show that his dissection of the party four years ago was not his first offense? Did he not for seven long years, remain in the point hole with Mugwumps. Has he not openly proclaimed to the world that he and he alone must write the platform at the Chicago Convention, in which he declares for the initiative referendum and recall for Representative in Congress from the Ninth District, subject to the action of the August primaries.

Should Mr. Roosevelt be nominated at Chicago, which by the way he will not be, if any possible compromise can be made to keep a progressive ticket out of the field, then the campaign will be fought out along the lines of preparedness, a high protective tariff, and a lot of vituperative criticism from both sides. Should the peace element in the two old parties become dissatisfied and put a ticket in the field Mr. Wilson will be defeated. He will not be defeated because he does not favor preparedness, for the recent bills passed by our legislators show that even a Root or Roosevelt could hardly ask now, but the capitalist of the East realize as does every one else who has given the matter any thought that after the European war is over, there is bound to be a fearful reaction, and they want a free hand in the matter of preparedness, a protective tariff, not to keep foreign goods out of our markets, or for the sole benefit of the working man, but for the sole purpose of keeping the dollars coming their way. The tariff can have no peace in the coming campaign as a question of discussion to either the Progressives, Republicans, or Democrats, for they all have agreed that this issue shall not be a political issue, forever more, that the tariff must be regulated by a scientific non-partisan tariff commission. What a search there will be among the lunatic asylums to find this non-partisan commission. There is two other issues that will come before both the Chicago and St. Louis Conventions, that may play a very important part in these conventions, or they may be flatted turned down and ignored. Woman Suffrage is a question that has for years been knocking at the doors of our National Conventions for recognition, and has often with scant courtesy been ignored, they will this year ask a plank in the platform of both parties pledging an amendment to the Federal Constitution granting equal suffrage independent of the action of the states. Quite a few of the Western States already have equal suffrage and some states a limited suffrage, these results was brought about, not by any particular help the women of the West received from the BIG HUMAN, but by their own indomitable energy, their perseverance and intelligence. The victories they have won, they have heralded to the world with their laughing eyes and bright smiles, their defeats which have been many they have baptized with their tears, and girded on arvon the armor with unflinching courage for the next conflict, victory is almost within their grasp, and political death to the man who defeats this just recognition of our noble women. Mr. Wilson said he was in favor of Equal Suffrage or the women of New Jersey and went to his home to vote for Equal Suffrage, can he consistently deny the other women of our country that which he said was due the women of New Jersey? Women this year in several Western states, will hold the balance of power at the polls. Let the Democrat party beware, they have no votes to throw away this year.

Prohibition is another factor that will be conspicuous at both conventions, and a question that neither the Democrat or Republican parties have the moral courage to squarely face. The latter element is one of the strongest political organizations in our land today, they have no political creed, except that which is founded upon the right to make and sell that which brings ruin to their fellow man, but dollars to their pockets, regardless of the thousands of innocent little children that their business brings to poverty and rags.

If it were not so serious it would be classical phrase, Ruesfooting when amusing to see Mr. Wilson and Mr. Roosevelt, executing that Tango, which Mr. Roosevelt calls to use his own the Prohibition element asks a plank in their respective platforms making Prohibition a national issue, but it is safe for either party to continue its vacillating policy regarding this question, will hardly.

In summing up the situation at this time it looks like if Mr. Wilson is defeated it will take a Western man to do it but the Eastern politician is a flourish and with all his learning there is some things he can't or won't learn. Some may ask, when will this dissatisfied element go that Mr. Bryan speaks of. Some of this element will not vote at all, but a large part of it will, and if the Ledger will kindly grant us space in our next letter we will try to tell the readers of the Ledger something about a party that is rapidly coming into notice, and who will likely absorb some of this dissatisfied elements.

The things that happen are those that seem impossible.

Only a very unusual hungry man can eat advice and enjoy it.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

For Congress.

We are authorized to announce W. J. Fields of Carter county, as a candidate for re-nomination as Representative in Congress from the Ninth District, subject to the action of the August primaries.

RIGHT WAY TO
READ NEWSSuggestion on How to Get Truth From
Dispatches.

(New York American)

Here are a few suggestions which may help you to read with better understanding the fearful and wonderful war news sent across the water to us daily.

When you see a dispatch beginning, "A returned neutral, whose name cannot be mentioned," and dated somewhere in Switzerland, you can safely set it down for the invention of a needy penny-a-liner who wants the price of a meal.

When you see a dispatch that purports to give the conversations and plans agreed upon at a meeting of either the French, German, British or Italian army staffs, you can set it down as a pure fake. The crowned heads and military chiefs of Europe are not in the habit of confidentially relating their secret conversations and military plans to newspaper correspondents located in Holland, Switzerland, Italy or any other neutral or hostile country.

When you see a dispatch asserting that "we inflicted enormous loss upon our enemies with no losses to ourselves," you can safely disbelieve it. When two armies fight under modern conditions both get hurt.

When you see a dispatch asserting that "during the night, after successfully repulsing the enemy, we withdrew to a better position, previously prepared," you can make up your mind that somebody has had a flicking and is putting as good a face as possible on the defeat.

When you read that "our gallant army is only waiting the proper signal to begin the long-heralded offensive which will finally smash the foe," you can make up your mind that a gallant correspondent is writing against time and space.

When you see a dispatch dated Berlin via London, or Athens via Rome, or Copenhagen via Geneva, recollect that you are reading stuff which has no definite origin and is worth no more and no less than a dispatch from Peking, China, via Podunk, Indiana.

If you want to know how the war is really going pay attention to the localities mentioned in the official dispatches, and by aid of your maps you can easily decide which forces are advancing and which are being pushed back. And when all is said and done, it is always the more powerful and victorious armies which advance and the weaker and defeated armies which fall back.

That is the acid test of warfare and its results.

"THE INCAS OF PERU"

A new method of encouraging recruiting in Ireland is provoking some criticism. Under the Irish lands act the land commission is empowered to distribute farms on untenanted estates to suitable persons. The commission has now declared that "many Irishmen eminently fitted to succeed upon farms are serving in the war and the claims of these persons and of others who follow their example should not be ignored." Mr. Sheehy, member of parliament for Meath, when this decision was promulgated, condemned it, though he has been a strong supporter of the war and an advocate of recruiting.

Sir Clements Robert Markham, explorer, traveler, archaeologist, who introduced the cultivation of the quinine yielding cinchona trees from Peru in British India, an act of incalculable value to the world at large, is now eighty-five years of age. For many years he held the presidency of the Royal Geographical society. His life has been one of travel and adventure, beginning with the navy in 1844. He served in the arctic expedition of 1850-1851, and the following year left the navy. Then followed journeys of a scientific nature to Peru and Abyssinia, and in 1867 he became secretary of the India office. Many volumes of travels, history, and of a general character came from his pen, including the masterly "The Incas of Peru."

QUAKER QUIPS

(Philadelphia Record)

The man who realizes his own weakness adds to his strength.

Watch your step, and you won't be so apt to be tripped up on a lie.

When lovely woman stoops to folly, does it indicate that she is stupid?

After all it is more satisfying to take things as they come than to give them up as they go.

The debt a man owes himself is generally paid, even though he may have to borrow to pay it.

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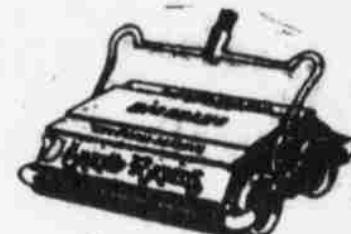
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